

## Church News.

ADDITIONAL.

## FROM LA PAZ, IND.

The brethren and sisters of the La Paz congregation send to our brethren and sisters at Ashland, Ohio in National Convention assembled, greeting: Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you. At our last business meeting it was decided that we represent by letter as we stand in great need of all our means at this time, since we have erected a house of worship this summer, which was set apart to the service of God yesterday. We are in debt some and have much opposition as well, but we are at peace with one another and are trusting in the one who said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Our brother from the west has encouraged us and filled our souls with gladness with his heavenly messages that he delivered to us; God bless him for it.

We have nothing to dictate to you but may God give you wisdom and understanding during the Conference and may the spirit of God guide you day by day. We believe in every good work, and will battle for the right. By order of the church.

Sept. 2. S. C. HOSTILE, Sec.

## FROM CORNELL, ILL.

A goodly number of our brethren and sisters met at our home on Sept. 10, at our annual business meeting, where new officers were chosen for the ensuing year, and among them your humble servant was chosen corresponding secretary, and as such it befell me to send in a report to our much beloved church paper. Brother Z. T. Livengood having kindly consented to be with us on the occasion he was chosen chairman without a dissenting voice. Our meeting was a credit to the members who participated, as peace and harmony prevailed all through, as it ought among God's people. It was voted that Brother Livengood take the oversight of the church, as we have no pastor, to which he kindly consented.

It is to be earnestly hoped and let us pray, that the Lord may so work in and among his people here at Cornell, that they may be a power in his hands for good, and that we may be the means of bringing in many sons and daughters into the sheep-fold of the Lord. Our prayer is, Lord help us to this end, and forbid that any of us should be so busy as to pay more attention to a colt or a calf than we do to the welfare of the soul of our own children. Some people can find time to spend days in breaking a colt, but can find no time to look after the eternal interests of the soul. Oh, how pleasant it

is for brethren to dwell in peace and unity together. On the other hand, how sad indeed when contention and discord reigns.

We are not blessed as some of our brethren, with a goodly church to worship in and call our home, but one thing we *can* do and that is we can be thankful for such things as we have, and worship God in spirit and in truth, no matter where we are or what condition we are in, for the word says, "Pray without ceasing, in *every* thing give thanks." So we say, thanks be unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who causes us always to triumph. God is good to us, let us be good to each other and the Lord will bless us, and finely save us with an eternal salvation. Let us be up and a doing to prepare to meet our good Lord, for very soon we must all appear before him. Lord increase our faith, and save us ere we perish.

J. J. VANDERREE.

It is not only lawful, but it is the duty of pastor and people to make the church as attractive as possible to draw sin-burdened souls to the house of God, but great care should be exercised as to the nature of the attractions and inducements held out. It will never do to make the church more worldly to attract worldly people. On this the *Homiletic Review* says: "To enter into the arena of the world by offering attractions in order to gather people together once a week for religious or semi-religious instruction is, to say the least, a very short-sighted policy on the part of the ministry. It must in the end defeat its own object; for in exact proportion as people begin to regard the Sunday as a secular day of rest and entertainment as well as of social intercourse, so will they begin to regard attendance at church as altogether a secondary matter in their religious life. Attractions to Christ must be by spiritual methods."

## DIVINE UNION.

Nothing is of more importance, if we would rapidly grow good, than the habit of making all the petty trials, annoyances, and griefs of every-day occurrence a means of uniting the will more fully with God's. This is the true mission of trials, and only as we use them to this high end are we using them aright. Alas! most people find it a very long and difficult lesson. Nevertheless it can assuredly be learned. The trifling disappointments and sorrows, the crossings of our will or inclination that come to constantly, may yield, each of them, but a trifling gain; but the total sum shall be glorious indeed. Every time we utter down deep within a hearty "Amen" to any of these minute manifestations of God's will, the union between us and God is made closer.

## DEAD PROFESSORS.

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work and produces so little spiritual fruit. Their presence in the Sunday morning congregation is a deceit and a sham. They appear to be worshippers, but they are so only in pretense and in form. Like the modern artificial flowers, they have color, but no fragrance; form, but no life. A near inspection shows that they are but shams. Beautiful they may be, but they are no account whatever. They are the work of man and not of God.

There are several things, in view of the vast number of dead professors in the churches, which it seems to us is imperatively necessary to be done. First, a steadfast effort to strengthen the things which remain. That is, that the spiritual members of the church draw yet more closely together and present themselves in yet more complete consecration to God and his work. Second, that this condition of dead formalism shall be dealt with lovingly but vigorously from the pulpit and by every living member, seeking to reclaim and restore the dead, or seemingly dead. Third, if these two measures fail, then begin a thorough work of purging the churches of dead professors. Clear the church roll and the church of the cumberers. It is not meet that the church should longer be made an asylum for dead professors of religion, who discourage and weaken the energies of the living, give forth a false testimony, and in every practical way discredit Christianity. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat;" and we would add, if a man will not have life and bear fruit, remove him from among the living and pluck him up out of the vineyard of the Lord. Where and in what church will this good work begin?

## HOW MRS. WM. HENRY MAKES MONEY!

I have been so successful in the past few months that I feel it my duty to aid others by giving them my experience. I have not made less than \$18 any day for the last five months, and have not canvassed any. I put a notice in the papers that I am selling the Iron City Dish Washer, and people send for them by the dozen. They give such good satisfaction that every family wants one. Dishes washed and dried in two minutes. I think any person can easily clear \$10 a day, and double that after they get started good. I don't see why anyone should be destitute, when they may just as well be making lots of money if they try. Address the Iron City Dish Washer Co., 145 S. Highland Ave., Station A, Pittsburg, Pa., and they will give you all instructions and testimonials necessary to succeed.